

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 14, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 14

Introduced by Assembly Member Yamada

February 11, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to the Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Memorial Rest Area.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 14, as amended, Yamada. Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Memorial Rest Area.

This measure would designate the rest area in the Town of ~~Dunnigan, California~~ *Dunnigan* on Interstate 5 as the Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Memorial Rest Area. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Jose Antonio “Tony” Diaz was born in Jacona,
2 Mexico, on September 20, 1970, to Rafael and Carolina Diaz, and
3 grew up with his nine sisters and brothers in Dixon, California;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, During the summers of 1986 to 1989, he worked
6 tirelessly in the fields of farmers in Solano County; and

7 WHEREAS, After completing high school, Tony assisted
8 farmworkers as Assistant Program Services Manager with the
9 Human Development Corporation, and after transferring to the

1 corporate office, he developed a passion for computer technology;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Yolo County Information Technology
4 (IT) Department hired Tony and assigned him to the Yolo County
5 Sheriff's Office; and

6 WHEREAS, While assigned to IT he became interested in law
7 enforcement and attended the Yuba College Police Academy in
8 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, The Yolo County Sheriff's Office hired Tony on
10 August 22, 2004, and his peers described him as a gentle,
11 hardworking man who was proud of his family and community;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Tony loved soccer so much he coached the
14 Woodland Flames and the Woodland Blaze teams for nine years
15 with the Woodland Soccer Club; and

16 WHEREAS, On June 15, 2008, Deputy Diaz attempted to stop
17 a known parolee suspected of driving under the influence with a
18 child in the vehicle; and

19 WHEREAS, After he failed to yield, Deputy Diaz pursued the
20 driver into the town of Dunnigan, where he stopped on County
21 Road 5 near County Road 99W. The suspect fled on foot ~~and while~~.
22 While Deputy Diaz checked on the child in the vehicle, *he* was
23 shot from behind; and

24 WHEREAS, Officer Diaz succumbed to his injuries a few hours
25 later at Woodland Memorial Hospital; and

26 WHEREAS, Deputy Diaz' name was engraved into the National
27 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and
28 the California Peace Officers Memorial at the State Capitol; and

29 WHEREAS, Deputy Diaz is survived by his wife Silvia and
30 three beautiful children: Angelica, Jessica, and Alejandra Diaz;
31 now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the rest
34 area in Dunnigan on Interstate 5 as the Deputy Tony Diaz, Yolo
35 County Sheriff's Office, Memorial Rest Area; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
37 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
38 with the signage requirements for the state highway system,
39 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations

1 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
2 be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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